(b) A scheme for providing two self propelled vessels of 600 Tonne carrying capacity free of cost (bare boat basis) to reputed private operators for operating on experimental cum promotion run for a maximum period of one year on National Waterway (Ganga) has been sanctioned by the Government on 17th March, 1993. The operating cost including manning will be borne by the operator. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 84.00 lakhs.

Four laning work on Delhi-Rohtak and Hissar National Highway

1261. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have started four laning work on Delhi-Rohtak and Hissar National Highway;

(b) if so, the details of work completed so far; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Delhi-Rohtak-Hissar National Highway falling within the Union Territory of Delhi is already 4 lane. The stretch from Bahadurgarh to Rohtak has been included for four laning in the 8th Plan.

(c) It is too early to indicate the completion date at this stage as the project has not been sanctioned yet.

Development of Pilibhanga Nohar Bhadara Road

1262. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that Pilibhanga via Nohar Bhadara Road is in a dilipadated condition;

(b) if so, the length, date of maintaining this Road by the Central Organisation and the expenditure incurred till March, 1993 by the Government on this National Highway;

(c) whether the portion of Haryana is till In a bad condition; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Constitutionally, the Government of India is primarily concerned with roads declared as National Highways only. The responsibility for roads other than National Highways is essentially that of the State Governments concerned. Since the road in question is a state road and falls in Rajasthan, its construction/development etc. is therefore the responsibility of the State Government of Rajasthan.

1563. [*Transferred to* 10*th May*, 1993]

Enhancement of road tax

1264. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some enhancement in road tax in Delhi and in other States has been made; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, vehicles-wise separately for Delhi and other States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have increased the rates of road tax